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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAKATSU YAMADA ET AL.

Application No.: 10/667,418

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

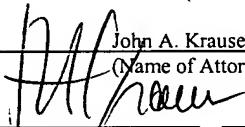
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